

## Monthly Newsletter

### County Line Squares

August 2017

#### Caller's Corner:

Abe and Carol Maier

**Greetings to all.** We would like to thank everyone who has attended workshops and demos. Some of our new dancers have joined us, but we would like to see more of you. After seeing you all winter and spring long, we think of you and miss you.

Summer heat is upon us; *enjoy* it while it's here. In less than eight weeks, we will be putting our "*jackets*" on once again.

"There is very little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative. Remember, with every adversity, there's a seed of an equivalent or greater benefit." W. Clement Stone

See you at one of our events. Let's have fun and then...*more* fun!

#### August Birthdays:

- 2 Gael Zachman
- 7 Arlie Manz
- 11 Don Lundell
- 16 Richard Giebenhain
- 20 Leo Andres
- 27 Lisa Murphy
- 31 Robert Meyer

#### August Anniversaries:

- 13 Kristine & Dale DeWitt
- 22 Rick & Ruth Lehn
- 27 Jan & Mel Tadych

#### Thoughts from Your President:

Joan Halderson

YELLOW ROCKS go out to Darlene Hunz on the loss of her special friend, Jim Olsen, who went to Harley heaven July 2, and, also to Pat Giebenhain and family on the loss of her father, Raymond Neumann, on July 22. Many County Line members attended the services!

Our annual July club picnic was well attended. Thank you, Pat and Richard Giebenhain, for hosting at your beautiful country home. Double thanks to Richard for emceeding our cherry spitting contest plus adding libbing rules as he went along (right, Rajah?). My three grandkids that attended were impressed. Marlys Wilson with Lady Luck on her side took 1<sup>st</sup> place winning a prize of cherry pie filling. Larry Sampson won second and now has a jar of maraschino cherries in his cupboard. Jim Egerman used a baseball throwing technique to take 3rd prize of 2 packages of cherry/cola tic tacs. All who participated spit for points into a 3 section tube and tub.

For those who don't know, Lois Rademacher has the title, gate coordinator, for the Hamel Rodeo held in July. Her involvement spans 27 years. County Line volunteers assisting her this year were Gael and Doug Zachman, Gary Riddle, Diana Miels, and myself.

Collecting club dues of \$13 has begun by Leroy Elfmann. Five dollars goes to SDM, another five dollars goes for insurance, and three dollars stays with County Line. The deadline is towards the end of September so let's all be timely!

#### Member Spotlight:

Mavis Johnson

I grew up on a small farm between Pelican Rapids and Barnesville, MN. I have one sister and two brothers, and I am the oldest. We had cows and chickens. Farms are lots of work, and I was kept busy doing a big garden and canning in the summer. We picked plums and chokecherries that were made into sauce and jams. We trapped gophers for our spending money.

One of my best memories is Sunday taking care of the animals, going to church, and the rest of the day being free to relax. Supper was rice boiled with milk.

After high school I worked for awhile, then on to beauty school, working part time, and paying for it all myself. There were no open jobs in the area, so at 21, I came to Minneapolis. I had cousins down here, so it did not feel like I was alone. I did this for 20 years working fulltime and 2 part time jobs. I went to North Hennepin College for a 2 year degree and worked in office jobs until 1999 when we sold the house and moved to Maple Grove. I then worked 7 years in the junior high kitchen until retiring.

Dick and I were married 33 years until his passing. He had many medical problems, and the last 5-7 years of his life were many medical appointments. His heart problems, circulation, then cancer with doctor appointments, scans, and cancer treatments did not leave much time for social time.

After his passing and trying to adjust to a new life, Maple Grove Community Center had an offer for ABC square dance. Growing up we did not dance. I went to the first session, called my friend Mary, she came to the second one, and we graduated in May 2012. We started going to workshops and dances. December of the same year we did a plus blast.

Along the way, I met County Line with car pools, lively members, and a lot of people who enjoyed square dancing. I have been going on banner raids and traveling around the state meeting more clubs and dancers. I was honored to be Queen 2014/2015, traveled to all clubs in the state, did a lot of demos, and

helped angel at lessons making 247 dance events in 11 months.

Then I met Don at a dance, May 2014, and we dance 5-6 times a week.

### **Don Lundell**

I lived in Richfield till 1948 before moving to Minneapolis. What prompted us to move was grandfather passing and grandmother alone in a big house. Also, my brother who had polio in 1942 could go to the Michael Dowling School for the handicapped without cost but had to live in Minneapolis. My father remodeled the house for wheelchair accessible and made it into a duplex.

I went to Minneapolis Vocational High School and learned the printing trade to follow in my father's footsteps. I also worked part time in a print shop when going to school. I was drafted in 1961 when Kennedy made his speech about the Berlin Wall going up and was sent to Germany as a medic where I met my wife Linda. I adopted William (Linda's son), and we had two boys, Ken and Mark.

After service I moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where we did a lot of camping and where we learned to square dance at a campground in Chippewa Falls. We moved back to Minneapolis in 1975 and kept square dancing until medical issues stopped Linda from dancing. She passed in 2012. I was at a bereavement group lunch, and Hot Foot Stompers did a demo. I decided to take lessons and get back into square dancing. Dancing has motivated my life. I met Mavis at a dance May 2014, and we dance 4-5 times a week.

### **Banner Raids by Mavis:**

Clubs have banners, and if we get 8 dancers to their club we take the banner. To get it back they need 8 dancers to come to our dance.

The purpose is (1) to support other clubs (2) get to know other dancers (3) dance to other callers (4) when you join a carpool you get to know other club members on the raid (5) if you

are single, it is a great way to expand your social life.

I invite everyone to join our carpools and banner raids. Sometimes it is closer for you to drive directly to the dance, but if not, please join the carpool. All you need to do is make a phone call. We also have demos and workshops.

All dancers: if you have not carpooled, look at the list, and find one each month to join us. If you have some time for entertainment, please make a visit to a club you have not been to and/or another caller.

Many of our carpools are within an hour to hour and a half from home with only a few three hours or more.

### **Dancing with Abe in August:**

- 3 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 4 Clearwater Shop. Ctr. (5:30-7 PM)
- 5 Monticello Block Party (7-8:30 PM)
- 10 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 14 Monticello Workshop (7-9 PM)
- 17 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 20 Nowthen (12:15-2:00 PM)
- 23 Monticello Com. Ctr. (2:30-4:00 PM)
- 24 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 25 Milaca 1<sup>st</sup> Natl. Bank (5:45-7:15 PM)
- 26 Askov (11:30 AM-12:30 PM)
- 28 Monticello Workshop (7-9 PM)
- 31 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)

### **Banner Raids for August:**

- 2 Beaux & Belles (Larry Johansen)
- 9 Spares & Pairs  
(Dick Rueter & Tom Allen)
- 12 Turkey Trotters (Bryan Bush)
- 16 Beaux & Belles (Roger McNeil)
- 23 ETTA Sq. & Rounds (Tom Allen)
- 27 Friendly Squares (Dick Severson)
- 30 Spares & Pairs (Dick Rueter)